

Oct. 26, 2015 UAC meeting.

Present: Andy Maron, Jim Thrash, Jeff Kanter, Emily Sato, Steve Johnson

Also present: Public Works Director Barry Loveless, Councilmember Val Tollefson, Tom Brobst (Puget Sound Energy), Robert Dashiell, Randall Samstag, Pegeen Mulhern, Charlie Krasner (ETAC)

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.
2. Public Comment: Robert Dashiell brought to the attention of the Committee a number of things on the current City Council agenda related to utilities. He reminded the Committee that the Council has not taken action on its recommendation that the Utility Tax be eliminated. He commented on the nature of the work done by the Conservation District in support of his argument that the SSWM utility should not fund any of that work.
3. The Committee discussed suggested revisions to Ord. No. 2015-20, relating to SSWM fees. The recommendations of a UAC subcommittee, which included Barry Loveless, was discussed, and some further changes were made. The revenue impacts of the new SSWM ERU calculations were then discussed. Barry pointed out that major changes in ERU (now called ISU) counts for individual parcels seemed to be more related to an accurate calculation of impervious areas rather than policy changes. The Committee discussed whether the utility rate was sufficient to support the utility, and decided not to recommend a change at this time. Steve Johnson then made a motion to recommend approval of Ord. No 2015-20 with the revisions made by the subcommittee and full committee. Jim Thrash seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Barry will convey this recommendation to the council at its October 27 meeting.
4. The Committee continued its discussion of Comp. Plan updates. Jim Thrash presented suggested changes to the Electrical goals and policies, and Emily Sato started presentation of suggestions for Sewer goals and policies. This work will continue at the next meeting.
5. Adjourn at 6:35 pm. Next meeting is on Nov. 9 at 4:30.

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Andy Maron, Chair Date